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SUBJECT: POLITICAL ADVICE FROM GIUSEPPE RATTI, MONTEDISON

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1. ECON MIN. CALINGAERT AND CONGEN EXEC. OFFICER WRIGHT CALLED ON RATTI MARCH 2, 1976. GIUSEPPE RATTI, A DIRECT, IMPOSING MAN OF 56, HAS BEEN CALLED MONTEDISON'S "MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS". HAVING BEEN FIFTEEN YEARS AT ENI, HE PASSED TO HIS PRESENT POSITION AT MONTEDISON IN 1972, REPORTING DIRECTLY TO CEFIS. HE HAS NEGOTIATED ON ENI'S BEHALF IN MOSCOW, PEKING, AND NORTH AFRICA.

2. RATTI SAID THAT UP TO FIFTY PERCENT OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC LEADERS - NATIONAL AND LOCAL - ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE "HISTORIC COMPROMISE" WITH THE COMMUNISTS, AN IMPRESSION HE SAID HE WAS GLEANED FROM PRIVATE TALKS WITH DC ACQUAINTANCES. IN THIS, SAID RATTI, THEY ARE ONLY FOLLOWING THEIR LEADER, ALDO MORO, WHOM HE CALLED A "FATALIST". AS FOR BENIGNO ZACCAGNINI, RATTI CONTINUED, THE DC PARTY HEAD IS A GOOD MAN BUT, UNFORTUANTELY, COMPLETELY IN MORO'S SHADOW. ZACCAGNINI, DR. ROMOLI AGREED, CANNOT ACT INDEPENDENTLY OF MORO.

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3. AS FAR AS A DC COMEBACK IS CONCERNED, RATTI SAID, ONE MUST REMEMBER, FIRST, THAT THE PARTY STARTS OFF

WITH AN ALMOST IMMOVABLE 25 PERCENT OF THE VOTE FROM THE SAME GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO STILL LOOK TO THE VATICAN FOR GUIDANCE AND WHO HAVE NO OTHER PARTY TO TURN TO. SECONDLY, CLAIMED RATTI, THE VATICAN ITSELF HAS TAKEN STOCK OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION AND IS IN FACT TRYING TO HELP MAKE THE DC MORE ATTRACTIVE BY AIDING YOUNGER AND BETTER CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS TO GET ELECTED TO OFFICE. HE MAINTAINED THAT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF MILAN ITSELF CONTAINS SEVERAL DC MEMBERS WHO ARE THERE BECAUSE THE CHURCH SUPPORTED THEM - THROUGH COMUNE E LIBERAZIONE.

4. RATTI SAID THAT, AT THE PRESENT JUNCTURE, THE AMERICANS OUGHT TO BE HELPING ITALY'S SOCIALISTS - "AND NOT JUST FINANCIALLY". THE SOCIALISTS KNOW, HE AVERRED, THAT THEY CANNOT ENTER INTO COALITIONS WITH THE COMMUNISTS, HAVING BEEN BY NOW REDUCED TO IMPOTENCE IN A NUMBER OF SUCH EXPERIMENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY.FINA

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